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# Wealth Inequity: Understanding the impact of Poverty on Families' Health

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## SPEAKERS

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Join the National Center for Fatality Review and Prevention to explore wealth inequity, and how poverty impacts families' overall health and the ability to safely provide for and care for their children. Unpack how the lack of accumulated wealth and resources among families, especially families of color, has been impacted by COVID-19. The National Center hopes to equip case review teams with ways to lead non-judgmental discussions of the impacts of poverty and ways these experiences may be observed in the records or in the fatality review process.



## Speaker Biographies

### *Welcome and Opening Remarks*

*Sara B. Kinsman, MD, PhD*



Sara Kinsman is the Director of the Division of Child, Adolescent, and Family Health, of the Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB), part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). Dr. Kinsman is a pediatrician and adolescent medicine specialist, who previously served as the Director of the

Division of Maternal, Child and Family Health in the Philadelphia Department of Public Health. In that role, she helped provide services, promoted education, and supported policies to promote optimal child development and resiliency. During her tenure as director, Dr. Kinsman's teams made demonstrable strides toward improving family health in Philadelphia. Dr. Kinsman received her medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and completed her General Pediatric Residency and Adolescent Medicine Fellowship at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. With support from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholars program, Dr. Kinsman completed a PhD in Sociology with a focus on adolescence and the family and a master's degree in Clinical Epidemiology at the University of Pennsylvania. Anthropology from Duke University.

### *Guest Speaker*

*Kay Johnson, MPH, MEd*



Over the past 35 years, Kay Johnson has become nationally recognized for her work in maternal and child health policy, as a researcher, advocate, and consultant. Reducing the impact of poverty and racism and increasing access to services for women, children, and their families have been two of her lifelong goals. Ms. Johnson is president of Johnson Group Consulting, Inc.—a national firm based in Vermont since 1998. She has been active in Medicaid and EPSDT at the federal and state levels and as a consultant advisor to more than 45 states. Her expertise encompasses a range of child and family health issues, including perinatal and preconception care; home visiting; early childhood development and

mental health; immunization; oral health; genetics and newborn screening; adolescent health; and services for children with special needs and disabilities. Her work at the Children's Defense Fund, March of Dimes, George Washington University, and Johnson Group have shaped the direction of MCH and Medicaid policy since 1984. Prior to her policy career, Ms. Johnson provided direct service to low-income families in community-level early care and education programs in the late 1970s. She has more than 100 policy reports and professional peer-reviewed journal articles, as well as more than 150 keynote and juried speeches. She holds a master's degree in Public Health (MPH) from the University of North Carolina, as well as a master's degree in Education (MEd) from the State University of New York at Buffalo where she studied early childhood development.

### *Webinar Host Organization*

#### *The National Center for Fatality Review and Prevention*

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